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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Debate over resurrection
Richard Carrier and William Lane will be on campus to debate the question "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead."
Carrier is a historian and Craig is a theologian. Janice Brandon-Falcone will moderate the debate at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.
The event is free and open to the public.

Poets showcase talent
The English department will bring poets Dan Kaplan and Kent Shaw to perform some of their work.
The performance will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Union Boardroom. The performance is free and open to the public.
For more information, contact Michael Hobbs at 562-1285.

Groups sponsor lessons
Learn to dance salsa with Halo and Common Ground. Basic lessons will be offered to beginners.
Lessons will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 19th in the Union Tower View. Lessons are free and are open to join or watch.
For more information, contact Jamie Lenz or Whitney Beck at Cground@nwmissouri.edu.

COMMUNITY

St. Patrick's parade
The Palms' 22nd Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at 5:17 p.m. on Tuesday at the corner of Fourth and Buchanan streets.
Registration begins at 4:45 p.m. in the parking lot south of The Palms. The parade is open to all ages and there is no cost to attend.
This year's parade — slated for an approximate distance of 87 feet — will feature Dave Devers as the Grand Marshall.

Youth baseball/softball
Registration is underway for the Maryville Parks and Recreation youth baseball and softball program.
The program is offered to boys and girls ages 5-16. Registration will run through March 20 at the Maryville Community Center.
Parent volunteer coaches are also needed. Practices are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of April 13.

BEARCATS

Friday-
- Track @ NCAA Division II National Indoor Championships in Houston, Texas
- Baseball vs. Central Missouri (weather permitting in Maryville, otherwise either in Kansas City or Warrensburg, Mo) 2 p.m.
- Softball @ Pittsburg State Tournament: vs. Oklahoma City 2 p.m. and vs. Pittsburg State 4 p.m.
- Men's Tennis vs. Cameron in Bolivar, Mo. 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. Missouri Southern 3 p.m.

Saturday-
- Track @ NCAA Division II National Indoor Championships in Houston, Texas
- Baseball vs. Central Missouri 12 p.m.
- Softball @ Pittsburg State Tournament: vs. Bellevue (Neb.) 10 a.m., vs. Fort Hays noon and vs. Missouri Southern 4 p.m.
- Tennis vs. Southwest Baptist 11 a.m.

Sunday-
- Baseball vs. Central Missouri 12 p.m.

Tuesday-
- Baseball vs. Nebraska-Kearny 2 p.m.
- Softball @ Wayne State (Neb.) 2 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Saturday-
- Pending the results of Wednesday night's sectional game, Girls' Quarterfinal Basketball vs. TBD @ University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg

NATIONAL GUARD | TROOPS RETURN



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CAPT. GARY CROSS embraces his girlfriend, Amanda Pennington, and her daughter, Lauren. Maryville welcomed home around 50 to 60 citizen-soldiers Tuesday.

WELL WORTH THE WAIT

SGT. BRIAN RODERICK sweeps his daughter, Alyssa, into his arms as he returns from a nine month deployment in Kosovo. Soldiers of the 129th Field Artillery unit safely completed all missions and improved the quality of life for the people of Kosovo.



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Soldiers return from Kosovo to excited crowd of family and friends

By Kiley Swopes
Chief Reporter

For a year, Kera Galanakis and her three children talked to their soldier, Dino, through video calls and web cam. The different time zones made getting the most out of their electronic visits difficult.
But not anymore. He's home.
"We are so excited," Galanakis said. "It has been a long wait and we are keeping him for good unless he gets sent somewhere else, but we are keeping him for awhile."
Families waited for the arrival of their loved ones at the Maryville Amory on Tuesday. Several area soldiers left home last March for training and a mission to Kosovo, Jennifer Archdekin Unit Public Affairs Representative said.

The Missouri National Guard welcomed home nearly 1,000 Citizen-Soldiers in nine ceremonies across the state. About 50 to 60 of these soldiers are from around the Maryville area, Archdekin said.
"This is the largest deployment from the National Guard Missouri has seen since World War II," Archdekin said.
Congressmen Sam Graves, who was unable to attend the ceremonies, sent a letter to thank the soldiers of the 1/129th and to welcome them home.
"Since its first unofficial founding in 1636, the Guard has lived up to its slogan, 'Always Ready, Always There,'" Congressmen Sam Graves said. "From the Mexican War of 1847 to every war in conflict since, the

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UNITS THAT SERVED WITH KOSOVO FORCE-10

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| • 110th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Kansas City | • Battalion, Independence | • 735th Quartermaster Company, De Soto | • Joint Force Headquarters, Jefferson City |
| • Field Artillery Battalion, Maryville | • 135th Rear Operations Center, St. Louis | • 3175th Military Police Company, Warrenton | • 70th Troop Command, Jefferson Barracks |
| • Battery A, 1-129th Field Artillery Battalion, Albany | • 135th Signal Company, Lexington | • 2175th Military Police Company, Hannibal | • 70th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Jefferson City |
| • Battery D, 1-129th Field Artillery | • 1128th Forward Support Company, Marshall | | |

Commands and units listed who are supporting the Kosovo Force 10 mission are comprised of Soldiers from more than 300 communities across the state.

WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH

Campus continues festivities

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

This time it is not history its herstory.
Women's History Month is celebrated during the month of March. Northwest faculty and staff created a committee that focuses on celebrations for this month.
Women's History Month is important for many reasons, Student Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott said, including the chance for women to be recognized and thanked for the contributions they have given.
"Whether we look at women in the past or current women and the excellence they are excelling in their everyday lives, it is a great opportunity for people to celebrate this," Prescott said.

"Women's History Month is also a really good opportunity to educate people on the struggle women had to endure to become educated."
Women have not had the right to vote for very long, Prescott said. Women for a long time did not have equal standing in the government and in the job fields they are in.
Women are still continuing to sometimes battle in certain areas and to pursue their careers to be heard or recognized, she said.
"I think if you are not aware about what women have done and accomplished, this is a great month to make that known," Prescott said.
Northwest is putting on

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APPEALS COURT

Justices offer public glimpse into judicial system

By Elizabeth Sexton
Chief Reporter

For an hour or so, the three of them were like any civilians on campus.
They ate sandwiches and potato chips with students and joked with faculty, for whom they could easily have been mistaken.
For the most part, the cutlery remained untouched last Monday at a campus luncheon when special guests, Judges Lisa Hardwick, Victor Howard and Zel Fischer helped cut through the curiosity between the courts and the public.
With no need for silverware, this laid back atmosphere was a marked contrast to the very formal, landmark event which would follow inside the J.W. Jones Student Union. For the first time in history, Missouri's Western District Appellate Court was held on Northwest's campus.
"The formality is about a reverence for the



photo by seih cook | photography editor

JUDGES ZEL FISCHER, Lisa Hardwick and Victor Howard of the Missouri Court of Appeals heard arguments in three cases Monday at the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

law," said Judge Hardwick. "Hopefully, by us coming out into the community and bringing the law to the people, we break down some of the formality and make it seem more accessible."

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Voters could decide on funding for new building

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

Funding for a crucial campus construction project may need voter approval before it reaches the University.
Northwest officials are holding out for a piece of \$700 million in state money to build a new academic building to offset a rapidly increasing student head count.
The \$19.6 million facility would include 10,40-seat general-purpose classrooms; a 75-seat lecture hall; office space and a computer lab. It would also incorporate "green" energy features such as natural light harvesting technology and management systems for heating and air conditioning.

In addition, the project calls for the demolition of Thompson-Ringold and the old National Guard armory, which currently houses the Rickman Electronic Campus Support Center.

Funds would come from a recent piece of legislation in Jefferson City that would issue \$700 million in bonds to state colleges and universities for use in completing high-priority construction projects. If it passes the General Assembly, Missourians would vote on the proposal in the 2010 election — or in a special election called by the governor, possibly in August 2009. But here's the catch: it's either state dollars or none at all.

"Until the money is available, we can't build," said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

Part of the legislation allows for federal stimulus dollars to pay up to 35 percent of the interest accumulated on the bonds during their term, which means lawmakers would have to act relatively quickly on the matter.

If funds were secured after an August election, Northwest would finish up its building design in the fall, go out for contractor bids in the winter and start construction in spring 2010, Courter said. Until then, the best thing the University can do is wait.

However, enrollment seems to be doing quite the opposite. Northwest is on track to meet the goal of an enrollment plan implemented in late 2007: increase the student population by 20 percent over five years, or 4 percent a year.

President Dean Hubbard said the institution is "up against the wall" trying to find enough classroom space for its expanding student body.

"To me, the obvious thing to do is help universities and stimulate jobs in the construction industry," he said. "I support it. I hope that partisan politics doesn't derail this."

STUDENT SHOWCASE



ANDREW REED STUDIES art by Jane Bowness, Michael Martin and Kaytee King at the Celebration of Quality in the J.W. Jones Student Union. The Celebration of Quality is an annual event that celebrates the achievements of Northwest students.

THEATER

Black box has ‘Celebration’

By Tiffany Hunter
Missourian Reporter

Bright lights, big performances and a dazzling band - the new black box was just the right place for Northwest’s production of “Celebration.”

The play, written by Tom Jones, is about two young individuals’ journey through life’s ups and downs.

The play begins with a young orphan boy, searching for the millionaire Mr. Rich, to grant the orphanage a garden. While the boy searches for Mr. Rich he meets the young beautiful Angel, played by Jamie Lin.

“I auditioned for “Celebration” because I plan on making a career out of musical theatre,” Lin said.

Angel uses her sex appeal to charm Mr. Rich and the two quickly become a couple. Later, Angel and the orphan realize the love they have for each other, which angers Mr. Rich.

Throughout the play, high energetic dancers like Alexandra Brown

help to motivate the musical and help the audience become involved in the play. Brown and other dancers handed out flower petals to audience members.

“I wanted to be involved with this show because it would be the first musical for me here at Northwest. At first when I read the script, it seemed cliché for me, but as I learned more about the script there were a lot more details and hidden facts within the story” said Brown.

The black box theater is located on the left side of the Performing Arts Center.

“I believe this will be a big opening for Northwest, not only because it is the official opening of the new Studio Theatre, but it is also one of the more “sexy” shows we have done, as well as one of the best shows to incorporate different cultures in so many unique ways,” Brown said.

Performances continue through the weekend.

STUDY ABROAD

Panama students get a taste of American culture at Northwest

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

The food, the people and the atmosphere are the major differences between Missouri and Panama.

Seven students from Panama recently attended Northwest to improve their English.

This was part of the Abriendo Horizontes Program, which means ‘opening horizons’ in English.

Florencio Serrano Castillo and Marjorie Gutierrez, two of the students who participated in the program, had never been to the United States before.

The students had to get used to a different climate and different foods.

“When we left Panama, it

was 100 degrees, and when we came here it was in the 20s or 30s,” Castillo said. “It was sort of intimidating as well because we were shy and we didn’t know how to interact with the people really well. It took us some time to get used to it.”

When they first arrived, they wanted to go back home where they were used to the cultures.

Adapting to a different culture was a little hard at times, Gutierrez said. Over the time here, however, they began to feel very comfortable.

“The people we met took us in like we were there little brothers or sisters or there friends,” Gutierrez said. “The people had helped us get used to the culture.”

“We knew it was pointless

to be nervous, so we just opened up and looked forward to what came out of it,” Castillo said.

The hardest thing to adapt to in the United States was the food, Gutierrez said. The food in the United States does not have as many spices as food in Panama.

“When we came here, we were just eating pizza and hamburgers and foods without any spice,” Gutierrez said.

Castillo noticed that even the foods the two countries do have in common do not taste the same.

“You (United States) eat foods kind of tasteless without salt and no spices,” Castillo said. “We are used to having saltier foods, and it was a little difficult to adapt to that.”

At the beginning of the pro-

gram, the students did not know they were coming to Missouri. All they knew was that they would be trained to help strengthen their English speaking skills, Gutierrez said.

Castillo looks forward to attending a school in the United States when he graduates from his school in Panama.

He said he believes having this opportunity will help him in continuing his education.

This is the first year for the program. Northwest decided to get involved with the program as a way to get its name out to Panama and to increase enrollment of Panamanian students, Chief of Staff and General Council Joe Cornelison said.

“This also works as an outreach to make our name known

better in Panama,” Cornelison said. “Three (of the students) have been accepted to the Missouri Academy beginning this summer. With the publicity they will be getting when they go back to Panama, we are hoping it will work to help recruit students in Panama to be future international students.”

The program was paid for by the United States Embassy funds and private donations from various foundations in Panama, Cornelison said.

The University plans to continue participation in the program and has sent a draft agreement to the United States ambassador to formalize the intent to continue the programs, he said.

To be able to participate in the program, the student from

Panama must meet a 4.2 on a five-point scale grade point average. The students must also write essays in English and Spanish.

“The students have to have some basic level of English before they can participate in the program,” Cornelison said. “The student must also have a good academic and disciplinary record.”

Being away from home has also made the students more matured than when they left Panama, Castillo said.

“We have been away from mom and dad for two months and we have not had anyone to tell us to pick up our room or clean our clothes,” he said. We have survived taking care of ourselves. We are going back as better people.”

Northwest's Online Faculty

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UPDATE

CHARRED WOOD AND mangled metal litter the entrance of A&G Restaurant on Main Street after a fire Saturday morning that ripped large holes in the restaurant's roof. The fire started in the attic and was caused by an electrical malfunction, Maryville Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said. No one was injured in the fire.



photo by jared darke
senior photographer

A&G plans to reopen after Saturday's fire

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

A fire at a Maryville restaurant last weekend has shut the business down, but officials say they will reopen. Shortly before 11 a.m. Saturday, a fire broke out in the attic of A&G Restaurant at 208 N. Main St. The cause of the blaze stemmed from an electrical malfunction, Maryville Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said. "We're confident that the source of the fire is a transformer that was located in the attic," Wood said. "The purpose of the transformer was used in the circuitry to utilize the neon signage on the front of the building." A&G General Manager Deno Groumoutis was at the restaurant when the fire

started. He said he and several of his employees initially smelled smoke before they determined that a fire had broken out. When he realized there might be danger, Groumoutis quickly evacuated the building. "I ran in and told all of the employees to get everyone out and I called 911," Groumoutis said. By the time workers with the Maryville Fire Department and Maryville Public Safety arrived on the scene, A&G employees had pretty much cleared the way for responders to battle the fire, Wood said. "I know that they did a really good job of getting whoever was in there out. They even had the power and the gas killed to the building," Wood said. "They pretty

much went about clearing the parking lot itself, which helped us in our efforts so that we had a place to work without having a bunch of cars around." No one was hurt in the fire, Wood said. The fire caused damage in the attic while smoke and water caused damage on the main floor. Estimated costs because of damages were still undetermined at press time. The fire opened a hole in the attic and with that added ventilation — coupled with Saturday's wind gusts — the potential for extra damage was there, but workers were able to prevent the fire's spread, Wood said. "I think that the guys were a little bit worried for a while that it was one of those that could get away from you,"

Wood said. "Fortunately, they did a really nice job of getting it contained and under control and extinguished." Groumoutis, the son of owner George Groumoutis, said the family plans to reopen the restaurant, but a timetable would be hard to set, as they were still meeting with contractors as of press time. Groumoutis also said that he hopes to reopen the business not just for himself, his family or its employees, but for the people of Maryville as well. Dealing with the fire will be difficult he said, but they'll get through it. "You never wish this on yourself or anyone," Groumoutis said. "We're just looking forward. "It's going to take some time, but we're going to get the doors open again."

RECREATION

Mozingo cabins offer financially-wise summer vacation for families

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

Despite a crippled economy, some areas of Maryville are still maintaining good business, including the cabins at Lake Mozingo. These cabins have already been booked for the winter and summer months of 2009 and have proven to be affordable for Maryville residents.

"The prices are really reasonable," Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf said. "It's a nice affordable vacation for a family." The cabins are fully equipped with kitchens, fireplaces, bathrooms and covered porches. The Mozingo Lake Web site claims that you'll never want to leave the comforts of the cabin. A wide variety of activities

are available for renters of the cabins. In the summer there are opportunities for fishing and boating at the lake, hunting, horse trails, hiking and golf. The cabins have proven to be more popular in the summer because of the opportunity for more activities; however, the cabins are still booked regularly in the winter. David Middleton, Mozingo Director of Park Development,

says the cabins are usually used for weekend getaways for families. Often though, the cabins play host to a number of special occasions. "The summer is real busy for the cabins," Middleton said. "We get a lot of family reunions and often families will book about five cabins under one name. They're also host to fishing tours in the summer." Middleton said that utilities

expenses are very affordable. "We have to keep the heat on in the winter, but that's really not expensive," Middleton said. "People rent out the cabins enough that we can keep up on the finances to maintain them." With the economy in a terrible state, the cabins have proven to be just as popular. Middleton said that the cabins are already booked for the summer and that he hasn't seen any change.

"Renting is about the same so far," Middleton said. "There's been no noticeable change yet as far as people renting less." The cabins have been so successful that the possibility of making more cabins is being considered. LeCerf said that it is an agenda item of the city council to look into that possibility.

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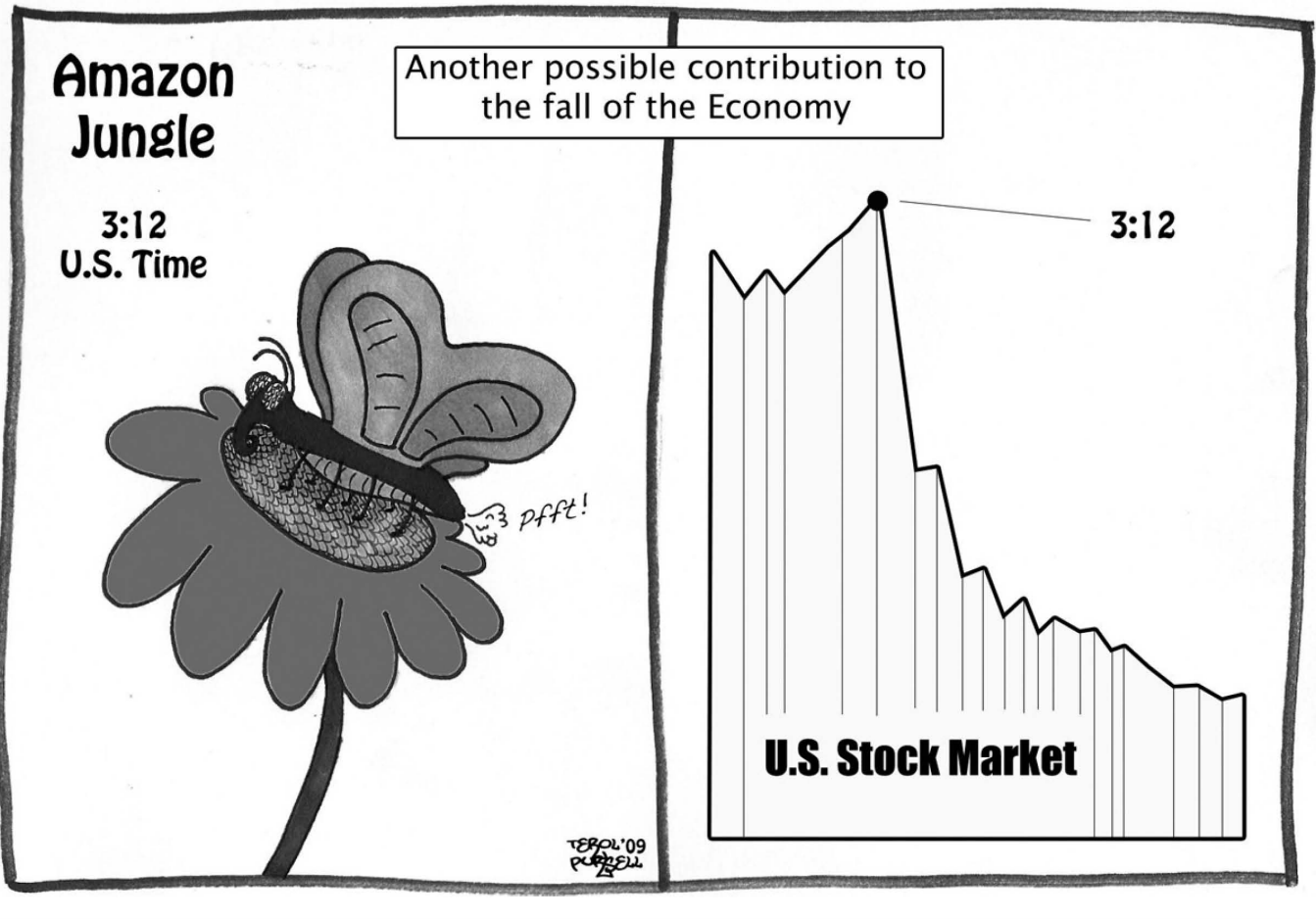
OUR VIEW

Campus must be ready to get tough on tobacco

Smoking bans sure do look great on paper, but the true test of their effectiveness comes with how well they're monitored and enforced. Northwest's goal of becoming a 100 percent smoke-free campus is one example. The University wants to expand its facility-only no smoking policy across the entire campus – indoors and outdoors. The proposal is far from ready and would take a while to fully implement if passed. Nevertheless, people undoubtedly have their opinions. For non-smokers, the effort is all but heaven-sent; no more rushing past smokers outside of building entrances and on sidewalks in order to avoid breathing in their secondhand smoke. On the other hand, those who do enjoy their cigarettes are understandably less than enthused. Regardless, one can't help but question how consistently the University would monitor this ban. Northwest's smoking population isn't that large, and it would be a waste of resources for Campus Safety

to constantly keep watch of entrances and other smoking hotspots for the first sign of an open lighter. Surveillance cameras are far too expensive. So, what options are left? Bearcat vigilantism? Hopefully it won't come to that; no one would want to attend school where their peers do so much policing. Then there are the consequences for breaking the rules. According to the proposal, the University would educate the campus about the policy well enough before the ban takes effect. There would even be "cessation services" available to give smokers a chance to give up the habit before being cut off from it, at least while on campus, all together. But let us not forget that the forbidden fruit often tastes the sweetest. This is not a perfect world and without a doubt people would still try to satisfy their nicotine cravings without leaving campus. That being the case, what happens to those who are caught? Fines seem to be the most practical option, but they hardly seem effective

on college campuses. If they were, Campus Safety's student officers – often the ones who write up the parking tickets – would be out of a job. The Northwest Missourian in no way denies the dangers of smoking and tobacco use. The health risks alone are punishment enough for taking up the habit. However, if Northwest's proposed campus wide smoking ban can't be properly monitored or enforced, perhaps officials should just put it out now and stick to what's already in place.



MY VIEW

Limbaugh's 'leadership' drives Grand Ol' Party up the wall

If any of you have been following the news in the past couple weeks, you may have heard of the problems the Republican Party is having with regards to its leadership. Michael Steele, who is Maryland's former lieutenant governor, is currently the President of the Republican National Committee (RNC). However, many claim that conservative radio personality and Missouri native Rush Limbaugh is the man actually running the party. On Saturday, Feb. 28, Limbaugh made some remarks at a conservative conference that he wanted the Obama administration to fail because of his opposition to big budget policies. The following day, Obama Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel told CBS news that Limbaugh was "the voice and the intellectual force and energy behind the Republican Party." Last week Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) stated that Rush is not running the party but does influence the decisions many Republican lawmakers make. This just confirms the fact that politi-

cians' primary goal is to get reelected, and if people are listening to Limbaugh and agree with him, then following his lead in Congress should get you reelected. None of this is new for Rush. He has been outspoken against the Obama administration since Jan. 20 of this year. But all of this Limbaugh "running the party" business is the real issue here and is good for two reasons. One, Limbaugh is a horse's rear-end and is hated among many in the country. In fact I remember growing up and having an "Oink, if you love Rush" bumper sticker on the back of one of our families cars. Two, him being the voice of the Republican Party may actually encourage many to switch sides and get behind the Obama team and their new policies as well as voting for the Democratic Party candidates in the midterm elections in 2010 increasing their control over Congress. Now I know that the second reason is really my own but the first should not be debatable unless you are a loud, obnoxious chauvinistic pig (much like Limbaugh himself). This is a man that once claimed that actor Michael J. Fox was "acting" when he appeared in a commercial for stem cell research back in 2006. Fox was making erratic movements related to his Parkinson's Disease. Rush also played a song during the last presidential campaign called "Barack the Magic Negro" and often refers to President Obama as "Halffrican American." I don't really care if this guy is running the party as long as people think that he is. The real question really is how this man is the voice of the Conservative Right. If I were a Republican, I would be outraged over the exposure Limbaugh is getting right now as the head of the party. God, it would



Jake Taylor
Contributing Columnist

MY VIEW

Special day could help students get out their vote

America is full of opportunities, many achieved from past members willing to work for the greater good of the nation. Ancestors came to this country seeking a democratic nation dedicated to hearing the voices of its citizens, believing in the philosophy of a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."



Abby Freeman
Student Senate President

Our founding fathers worked to provide individual freedoms, yet many choose to ignore or take advantage of those rights most sacred to our culture.

In the 2008 elections, voter turnout was close to 57 percent, and though higher than previous elections, the percentage could be improved.

Some may believe their vote is insignificant or are uneducated on the issues, but as students, and more importantly as U.S. citizens, isn't it our duty to become educated and participate in the election process? Election Day is our chance to influence the direction in our local, state and federal governments are heading. Ancestors fought to earn this right for each of us, yet many neglect participation and allow the fate of the country to be decided by others. Political activism is essential among university students. Northwest, along with our fellow Missouri institutions question what we can do to encourage civic engagement.

One solution presented from the Student Government Association at the University of Central Missouri is to hold a Student Vote Day. Universities would cancel classes for all major elections cited by statutory law as "the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even numbered years." Students would have the opportunity to vote in their home districts or in their university's community without having to worry about conflicting class schedules or university activities.

The purpose would be to use the holiday to encourage civic engagement in university students, not only through physically voting in the polls but also in education for current issues. The day would be a permanent statement of the importance of political activism among all citizens, but especially of those 18-25.

Currently, the University of Central Missouri and University of Missouri-Kansas City support the initiative, with University of Missouri-St. Louis and Missouri State University presenting the initiative to their senate floor.

The issue is multi-sided, but the time to focus on voter participation is now. As college students we need to show legislators we can and do make a difference whether it be via a Student Vote Day or another avenue.

Take time this week to consider the importance of your right to vote and e-mail ssenate@nwmissouri.edu with questions or comments about the Student Vote Day Initiative.

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Justin McClure
Broadcasting



"No, it's better for people to be safe and if people are not having kids it could be better."

Rebecca Rodriguez
Undeclared



"No, because women should have the right to choose for themselves, the government shouldn't be able to control that kind of stuff."

Jacob Howell
Park and Rec.



"I think that abortions should not be legal. This is killing off another human being because some don't think they can handle the responsibility of another person. People get charged for murders of others and I think this would be like killing someone who never had a say if they got to live or not."

Carolyn Kozol
Elementary Ed.

GUARD: Troops safely finished all missions

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men and women of the National Guard have answered the call. Your sacrifice is a testament to your love of this country."

Attending camp before being deployed, soldiers of the 1/129th did not know what they were doing, but at camp they finally discovered what they were going to do, Lieutenant Colonel John Parker said.

The soldiers safely completed all missions and improved the quality of life for the people of Kosovo, Parker said.

"In Kosovo, we were in charge of over 275,000 lives and security in our hands," Parker said. "Over the course of nine months, we established freedom of movement and security

in the area of operations."

In recognition of services, Gov. Jay Nixon asked Major General Wayne Pierce to read a letter addressed to the returning soldiers.

"In fulfilling the mission, soldiers have improved the lives of thousands of citizens in Kosovo and made America and the world safer," Nixon wrote.

Although it was tough to be away from his family, Dino enjoyed visiting a new country and knowing he was helping its people. Still, he said he was ready to come back.

"It was great to know we were coming home," Dino said. "The last two weeks just drug on. It will be a slow first few weeks, but we will transition back into our normal lives."

Kosovo was the second

deployment for John Sportsman. His first deployment was in the States, which allowed his family to come visit; however, this time he was overseas and they could not come, Sportsman said.

"The hardest part is being away from your family," Sportsman said. "Uncle Sam will take care of us, but we leave our families at home to keep the homes going and we thank them."

Soldiers have given the citizens of Kosovo a future and security. Without the soldiers, the citizens would live a life of violence, but now future generations have a chance to live, Pierce said.

"The Kosovo people will trust the American flag and the American soldier," he said.

HISTORY: Organizers open to future ideas

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many different events to celebrate the month. The first event was Badge Day which took place on March 2, where the women in a sorority wore their letters or badge to celebrate the month. This event was sponsored by Greek Life.

The next activity that took place was care packages for the homeless, which took place on March 3, where women and men put together care packages containing travel-sized hand sanitizer, lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes, tissues, pocket combs and deodorant for the homeless in Nodaway County.

On March 6, there was a Mentor/Mentee luncheon, where Leechia Jones of the Family Guidance Center for Behavioral Healthcare of St. Joseph, Mo. presented a presentation about healthy relationships to a crowd of 55 people.

"She really focused on being satisfied with you (yourself) and being happy with who you are," Prescott said. "You can't love someone else or be in a healthy

relationship until you love yourself and are happy with yourself. If you are not able to do those things, then you will never be in a healthy relationship."

Jones continued to talk about what relationships should be based on and challenges when relationships are based on something other than support and a high level of communication, Prescott said.

The events will continue with posters and other passive or non-active programs placed around campus. The next active event is the Indispensable Women of Northwest, which includes an essay contest with Horace Mann students. This event will take place at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room.

The monthly festivities will end with Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, which is when men and women walk a mile to promote the end of domestic violence and assault and is an event sponsored by the Northwest Interfraternity Council. The event is an attempt to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence. The event takes

place at noon on March 31 and will begin at the Bell Tower.

Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliott believes Women's History Month gives a lot of young women the opportunity to look at women leaders and how women have helped shape our nation.

"You people look at the presidents and the leaders we have, but there have not always been those women who have jumped out and made a difference in history," Elliott said. "Women are considered a minority and anytime you can celebrate the accomplishments of a minority group is a great opportunity."

This is the third year in which Northwest celebrated Herstory month. Elliott said if anyone has any ideas for future programs, they should contact the Campus Activities Office.

"We're always looking for new and fresh ideas and we want to continue to get better in what we do to celebrate Women's History Month," Elliott said. "We can't do that unless people share their ideas in ways for us to improve."

OBITUARIES

Bruce Delano Quick, 72 of Maryville, Mo. passed away on March 6, 2009 at his home in rural Maryville.

He was born Dec. 24, 1936 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of Henry and Madeline (Duckworth) Quick. Bruce married Kay L. Frost in Hopkins, Mo.

A truck driver, Quick retired from Bumper to Bumper in Maryville.

Proceeding him in death were his parents, a sister: Marge Edie, two nieces and a nephew.

Survivors include his wife, Kay ; his children: Patty Rankin of Bedford, Iowa,

Lester Quick of Maryville, Chuck Quick of Bedford, Kim

Quick of Grant, Iowa and Jessica Lewis of Bedford, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; two sisters: Pat Henderson, Council Bluffs and Donna Main, Omaha, Neb.

Donald Dale Howard, 95 of Maryville, Mo. died on March 5, 2009 at Parkdale Manor Healthcare in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 27, 1913, the son of George Earl and Rose Margaret (Gruber) Howard.

A 1931 graduate of Shenandoah High School Shenandoah, Iowa, Don married Dorlea Elizabeth Snodgrass March 2, 1938 in Shenandoah.

Howard was an industrial engineer and retired from Berkeley and Company. He and his

wife had lived in Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. until 1984 when they moved to Maryville. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Dorlea on Sept. 24, 2006; his parents, his twin sister: Dorothy Dean Lumry and sister: Rose Pauline Morton and two brothers: Ivan Earl Howard and Stephen Bernard Howard.

Survivors include four children: Jerry Dean Howard of St George, Utah, Judith Anne Lawyer of Maryville, Joan Dayle Leader and Donna Jeanne Scott, The Villages, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

APPEALS: Official decisions announced later

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Convening at alternative venues throughout the district delivers educational opportunities for communities like colleges, while also breaking through misconceptions about the process of appeals, said Clerk of Court Terence Lord.

Over cookies, informal rounds of intimate Q-and-A simultaneously occurred at luncheon tables throughout the room.

As students interested in legal studies, like Patrick Winkler, brushed elbows - and practically noses - with the handful of Missouri's judicial crème de la crème, experts of high rank gave them new perspectives on future careers.

"Most people think that in an appellate court there is a jury and most people aren't aware that nothing outside of the previous trial is actually presented," Winkler said.

Based on the grounds that prejudicial mistakes may have occurred within their trial at local court, an appellant brings their argument to the Court of Appeals. Sitting as a three-judge panel, the court is limited to matters of law and procedure while

considering oral arguments, transcripts, pleadings and exhibits from the court below.

'Handcuffed' is the unofficial term the judges use to explain how they must act when ruling.

"We are handcuffed, meaning we have to be obedient to the procedures that are established under the law and by the standard of review which we look at what the trial court did," said Hardwick. "We don't re-decide the facts... The only thing we are reviewing is whether the law was properly applied to those facts."

After the luncheon and the fulfilled purpose of bringing students closer to the law, the judges slipped out of sight.

A fog of formality rolled into the Union. The Ballroom, which has held Greek pageants and even drag queen performances, became a place of actual law and order.

At the front, a stage designated the bench where the judges would sit facing the attorneys who would argue, each for 15 minutes, on behalf of the appellants and respondents.

Like superheroes now in black robes of justice the judges assumed their formal identities and filed into the Union Ballroom to their own kind of distress sig-

nal, the cry of 'Oyez.'

Their new dress signified neutrality and enforced respect, while their entrance reflected another ritual of legal procedure for the audience who was standing in their honor.

When repeated three times, Oyez - which actually sounds like 'Oh-Yay' simply indicates the opening of a court of law.

This formality, similar to saying 'Hear Ye, Hear Ye,' commenced the oral arguments for the three appeals being heard. Throughout proceedings, extra time was given for audience explanation and additional questions. In this time, it was explained that official decisions are announced at a later date after further deliberation with all 11 District judges.

Various reasons drove the students to attend from extra credit points to personal interest, such as that of student Michael Russell, who compares his passion for the courtroom to any other hobby like music or art.

Ultimately, positive reactions from students revealed they left with their own justice served.

"It was really good," said student Lee Ann Blevins, "They talked over my head, but who doesn't sometimes?"



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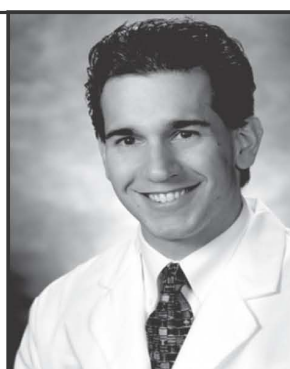
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TECHNOLOGY

‘Digital living room’ getting closer; innovations increase

By **Troy Wolverton**
San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. – The digital living room is still under construction, but consumers can now get a glimpse of what it might look like.

The electronics industry has long dreamed of giving consumers on-demand access in their living rooms to a universe of movies, music and other entertainment content and information at the touch of a button. Recent announcements from electronics companies, Hollywood studios, Internet firms and cable networks suggest that dream is becoming a reality.

“The vision is coming together,” said Van Baker, an analyst with Gartner, a technology research firm.

Here are developments announced just last week:

Silicon Valley startup Roku announced it is teaming up with e-commerce giant Amazon.com to allow owners of its digital video player to rent or buy movies and TV shows from Amazon. The 40,000 on-demand videos from Amazon are in addition

to the 12,000 videos from Netflix that Roku video player owners could already choose from.

Valley startup ZillionTV unveiled a service and device that it will introduce later this year. The company, which is backed by five of the six biggest Hollywood studios, plans to offer a free set-top box, to be distributed by Internet service providers, through which consumers will be able to watch about 15,000 videos on-demand.

Time Warner revealed a plan dubbed “TV Anywhere” that would allow cable and satellite TV subscribers to watch on computers or other Internet-connected devices all of the programming they get on their televisions.

With all the recent changes, “it’s just become amazing to watch this space,” said Kurt Scherf, vice president and principal analyst at Parks Associates, a research and consulting firm.

To be sure, few folks are living in anything close to the digital living room today. Thanks to high costs and resistance to adding another box to their living room entertainment cen-

ters, consumers have been reluctant to buy the devices offered to date. And those gadgets still fall short of delivering the unlimited content envisioned for the digital living room.

Baker thinks the true digital living room may still be five years or so from reality.

But electronics and content companies seem to be learning from past mistakes, and in doing so, helping to bring that day closer. Meanwhile, their efforts are pressuring traditional pay TV service providers – from whom the large majority of Americans receive their video content – to respond with more on-demand services and digital living-room type services.

The first iterations of digital living room products were often tied to consumers’ computers. Either consumers had to connect a device to their computers over a local network to access movies or photographs that were stored on the PC, or they had to plug their PCs directly into their TVs. Both methods proved a hard sell.

More recently, electronics companies have been releasing devices that

bypass the PC altogether in delivering digital content to the TV. Roku users, for instance, can order a video from Amazon directly from their couch. The Yahoo widgets on new TVs are designed to be accessed with a remote control, not a keyboard, without ever turning on a PC.

Rather than just having access to locally stored movies and music, devices are now being built around the “cloud media concept,” noted Scherf, and can access “all kinds of content ... over the Internet.”

The cloud concept has another advantage – it can be cheaper. Because all the content is stored on the Internet, devices don’t have to include a potentially pricey hard drive. Roku is offering its device for just \$100. ZillionTV plans to charge customers a one-time fee for its device that’s even cheaper.

Another theme of the emerging digital living room is lots of options – not just in content but in devices.

Consumers can now get on-demand video on a range of gadgets: on their PC through Web sites such as Hulu; on their smart-phone; in

the living room through their cable set-top box; on game systems such as Microsoft’s Xbox 360; on multifunction media devices such as Apple TV and inexpensive video players like Roku’s.

Consumers also have an increasing number of choices about how to “purchase” the media they consume. They can rent or buy videos a la carte from Amazon, Apple’s iTunes and similar services and watch them on devices such as the Roku player, TiVo or Sony’s PlayStation 3.

With an Xbox 360, an LG Blu-ray player or the Roku device, they can watch as many digital videos as they want for a monthly subscription fee from Netflix. Or, under ZillionTV’s model, they can watch shows for free – as long as they agree to watch some targeted advertisements.

“We’re seeing experimentation, which is good,” said Ben Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies, a technology consulting firm. “I don’t think any of the solutions nail it on the head, but we’re starting to get closer.”

TRAVEL

Airlines cutting international flights as recession puts damper on travel

By **Julie Johnsson**
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO – U.S. airlines are cutting back on once-lucrative overseas flights as a global recession prompts a sudden, steep decline in international travel.

Delta Air Lines Inc., the world’s largest airline, announced Tuesday that it would reduce its international flying by 10 percent, starting in September.

The Atlanta-based carrier said it is also mulling additional job cuts even though 2,100 employees have accepted buyouts and will be departing Delta in the next few months.

Hardest hit will be flights

to Europe and Asia, Delta CEO Richard Anderson and President Edward Bastian told Delta’s 70,000 employees in a memo.

Delta plans to reduce its trans-Atlantic capacity by 11 percent to 13 percent and its trans-Pacific flights by 12 percent to 14 percent by exiting markets where it isn’t making money, flying smaller planes on some routes, flying less frequently to some cities and even eliminating year-round service.

United Airlines, meanwhile, expects to reduce its international capacity by 15 percent during the first quarter, chief financial officer Kathryn Mikells told a conference of

analysts and investors in New York, Tuesday.

United, which dominates flying from the U.S. to China, has been hurt by a 25 percent drop in the number of people flying across the Pacific as well as a plunge in business travelers, the carrier’s core customer base.

Airlines around the globe are struggling to attract passengers amid an unprecedented plunge in demand for travel, analysts said. Traffic has plummeted in nearly every region of the world aside from the Middle East, according to the International Air Transport Association.

Slowdowns in air travel are “usually a regional phe-

nomenon and not occurring on both ends of an intercontinental route,” noted aviation consultant Robert Mann.

Passengers who can afford to travel amid the current economic chaos are finding an abundance of cheap fares and plenty of room to stretch out on lengthy flights.

Chicago attorney Stan Orszula has flown to Europe four times in recent weeks and has found economy cabins half empty, with even fewer takers in the premium economy, business- and first-class cabins on his flights.

“Right now, there are so many deals if you are flexible,” he said.

That’s because carriers

are already locked into summer schedules, crafted before traffic fell, and are turning to deep discounts to fill their seats, analyst said. Airfares to popular tourist destinations like London and Paris during peak summer weeks are 30 percent to 40 percent cheaper than a year ago, according to BestFares.com.

Airlines are also slashing prices for travel within the U.S. On Tuesday, Southwest Airlines unveiled \$39 one-way fares on a host of routes for tickets purchased before Monday, March 16. American Airlines and AirTran Airways are also offering bargains. Among the deals available: \$69 one-way from Philadelphia to San Diego,

\$70 one-way from New York City to Orange County, Calif., and \$52 one-way from Chicago to Raleigh, N.C., according to BestFares.com.

Despite this gloomy backdrop for airlines, Delta executives think their carrier will make money in 2009. Several analysts agree, saying airlines should benefit from lower fuel costs, particularly if the economy starts to pick up later this year.

“You never want to forecast your year from the first quarter,” said Roger King, airline analyst with CreditSights Inc. “Everybody’s pessimistic. But cash flow could be good this year unless demand really falls off a cliff.”

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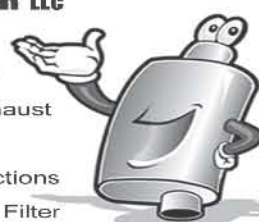
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LEAP Of FAITH

Today's students search for their own spirituality

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

College is all about learning; how to cook and clean for yourself, budget money and you even learn some vital information for your future.

But what else is out there?

A recent study conducted at UCLA found that more and more college students are getting in touch with their spiritual side and are trying to find answers to some of life's deepest questions.

So why, now more than ever, are young adults becoming more involved with spirituality? Brandon Smith, the minister for the Campus Christian House, says the overall transition to college may have some kind of impact on the search.

"I think when you go to college you're making tons and tons of life decisions," Smith said. "When you think about it, most of your major life decisions kind of happen when you're in school anyway, and I think finding your spirituality and higher purpose goes with that naturally."

Robert Keefer, a philosophy professor at Northwest, not only witnesses students searching for answers in class, but out of class as well. Keefer holds a job outside of the classroom as a Presbyterian minister in Clarinda, Iowa, which allows him to interact with a large majority of spirit-searching young adults.

"College students, partly because of age and partly because you are engaged in the intellectual life anyway, are ideal for being open for those kinds of questions," Keefer said. "You're not jaded yet, the way so many older generations are."

Although more and more students are becoming interested in learning about life beyond what is known, not everyone is looking for religious beliefs.

"A lot of people I marry are in their 20s and will often describe themselves as spiritual, but not religious," Keefer said. "They don't belong to a religious institution, so they don't have any concrete form to an understanding of things, but they have this vague sense of there being more to life than what is apparent."

That vague sense is often what leads students to look for answers beyond themselves. Smith, who has worked with CCH for two years, has witnessed many first-time students come in with a strong desire to unveil new questions they have about life, and search for answers to questions they have previously asked themselves.

A difference from this generation compared to others, Smith says, is that young adults don't want to be preached at, or told what to believe. As students go on the quest to find their spiritual sides, they want to experience things in a more hands on way.

"I think we have a desire and hunger to know God," Smith said. "I think students are looking for hope, I think students are looking for a purpose, students are I think looking for a reason, and a place to belong."

So what has brought on the soul-searching journey for this generation?

Keefer said the things people have always trusted to be true in the world are slowly changing, and nothing is for certain anymore. This is a large factor in the decision to figure out what is beyond us.

"We've got the first generation that honestly doesn't think they'll be as well off as their parents," Keefer said. "Up until now, we've always assumed the next generation will be better off and we no longer assume that. I think there's a sense of disillusionments of things we were led to expect, so we are left wondering 'What is real that I can hold on to?'"

Smith also agrees that students are beginning to understand they are not alone in their decision making.

"We're such a self-centered culture, and I think students are quick to begin looking beyond themselves because they realize a lot of answers to life's hardest questions are not found in them," he said.

To help students answer these questions, Smith encourages CCH members to break off into "family groups" to discuss issues in a more intimate environment.

"We want them to connect with other students in a small group environment where honest and real questions can be asked and honest & real answers will be given," Smith said. "There is no fear of judgment or fear of 'you don't know what you're talking about.' It's to encourage them to plug into a safe community, where they can honestly wrestle with some of those questions but don't have to worry about what they do know or they don't."

Keefer also believes making connections with one another is one of the best ways to find your spiritual side.

"People feel the need to belong, whether it be in Facebook communities, or everyone getting tweets from their favorite journalists or whatever," he said. "We want to make real connections with each other and generally spiritual communities are places where people can make those connections, with whatever may be eternal and the desire to connect with each other."

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HILARIE ANDREWS LEADS freshmen women in a bible study that was organized through Campus Crusade for Christ. They are currently going through Hebrews in the Bible and the study meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.



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DENISE BARMORE, MEGAN Knightlinger, Pamela Robison, Kelly Weigel and Alyssa Lambert worship at the Christian Campus House. CCH members meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. to hang out and share beliefs.

"College students, partly because of age and partly because you are engaged in the intellectual life anyway, are ideal for being open for those kinds of questions." -Robert Keefer

Top 4 picks

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

Coming to theaters: "Miss March" opens Friday. This movie from the comedy group "The Whitest Kids You Know" is sure to be the funniest movie at the box office this weekend. The movie follows a high school kid who on the verge of losing his virginity to the girl of his dreams slips into a coma. He awakens three years later to find that girl is a Playboy centerfold and he sets out on a cross-country journey to find her.



New to DVD: "Role Models" hit stores Tuesday. This hilarious movie starring Paul Rudd ("Knocked Up") and Sean William Scott ("American Pie") is definitely worth renting. The movie follows two slackers forced to do community service in a Big Brothers-type program. Keep a look out for a hilarious performance from Christopher Mintz-Plasse also known as "McLovin" from "Superbad."

New album hitting stores: "All I Ever Wanted" by Kelly Clarkson hit stores Tuesday. Her lead single "My Life Would Suck Without You" is already a huge hit on the radio and iTunes and more singles are sure to follow. Be sure to check out some her newsy hits such as "I Do Not Hook Up" and "Why Ya Wanna Bring Me Down" on the new album.

Song of the week: "You Found Me" by The Fray. The band has made a big splash on the modern music scene over the past few years and this song is proof as to why. The contemporary sounds of lead singer's Isaac Slade's vocals and hypnotic piano lines are prominent throughout this song along with romantic lyrics. Be sure to check out this song and their new self-titled album.

STROLLER

Your Man thinks the more the merrier

Old school Mormons had it right when they tossed traditional marriage values to the curb and adopted polygamy. A man is not meant for one woman, ask anyone. There is no such thing as the perfect woman, so a man should find multiple to satisfy their desires.

For example, my girlfriend likes to go to movies, but she doesn't like to go to concerts. Solution: find a girl that likes movies, and another one that likes concerts. If this weren't social taboo, then this would be a perfectly viable way to live.

Unfortunately due to modern technology and an increase in suspicious women it has become harder and harder to become a real life Hugh Hefner. So to help all you mortal men out there, this is Your Man's guide to dating multiple people at the same time without anyone finding out.

1. The most important thing to do is find a reason to get rid of Facebook. Due to modern technology, it has become much harder to be rampantly promiscuous. So my first step is to ditch the Book (and not the Bible). Find a great reason so nobody is any wiser to your schemes. Tell everyone that you're leaving because you're applying for jobs, or because your grandma added you and you don't want her to see your drunken pictures. Just something believable.

2. Keep your cell phone clean. Erase any questionable texts, but not all of them. If your old lady grabs your phone while you're in the john, you need to know that she's not going to find any messages or phone calls that are going to get you an interrogation later. Better yet, if you're really committed to the idea of being a multi-person Casanova, get a second phone. Costly but effective.

3. Abide by the area code rule. For most men it's almost impossible to date two girls in the same



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town. Keep your relationships distanced so you don't slip up. If you're feeling like your game is real strong, you can try the single city approach but it is sure to end up in disaster. If you do get caught, watch out for shoe polish or worse on your precious car. Remember anything you left at her house. Those things come back to haunt you.

4. Use two different names. If you're really committed to this second life like Arnold in "True Lies" style, use a code name. Make it something useable like your middle name, so you don't draw attention to yourself when she rifles through your wallet and looks at your credit cards and ID.

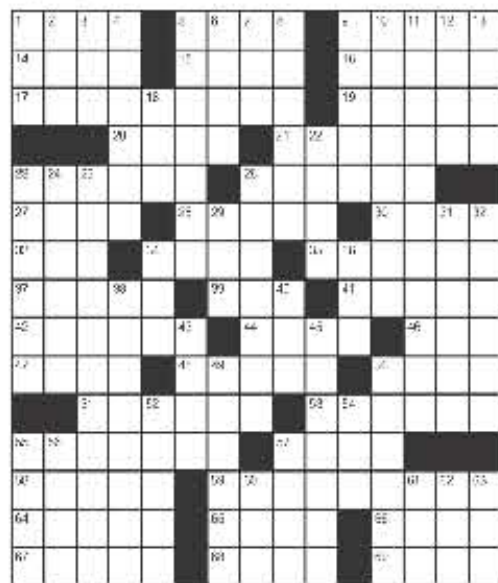
5. NEVER drunk dial. The fastest way to ruin this beautiful forbidden fantasy it to get sloppy drunk and use your phone. Even if it is just innocent, there is too much risk at calling the wrong person. Break yourself early. Practice with your friends on a night out, where you leave your phone in your pocket and give your thumbs and ears a rest.

6. If you do get caught, do the right thing. Lie. Lie until the end.

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REVIEW

The Cure offers fresh, energetic sound with newest album, '4:13 Dream'

The Cure's "4:13 Dream" isn't a dream anymore. This marks the band's 13th studio album since they first convened under the name Easy Cure in 1976.

The group simplified their name to The Cure and signed with German label Hansa Records as a post-punk band. Now, frontman Robert Smith says their sound cannot be categorized. "I just play Cure music, whatever that is." That is the exact mark of a great band.

While their sound is impos-

sible to place into anyone genre, their newest album is classic Cure. One track, "Sleep When I'm Dead," was originally recorded for their 1985 album, "The Head on the Door." The single is a bit funky, full of energy and very upbeat.

The rest of the album is also positively optimistic. Smith's wailing vocals coat the album,



Marshall Carlson
Entertainment Reporter

his voice is the very pinnacle of perfection when it comes to The Cure. He sings with sassyspunk, giving the quartet an undeniably excellent mix. From the dreamy, powerful intro "Undneath the Stars" to the grinding, hard-rocking guitar of Pori Thompson in "Switch," "4:13 Dream"

shows a tremendous amount of diversity. "This. Here and Now. With You" really exemplifies

Smith's vocal prowess, and the subtle "Reasons Why" offers a quick escape from reality. This album may not be quite as bass-driven, as more effort was shifted to deeper layering of the guitar and keyboard parts.

The Cure is widely regarded as one of the biggest British bands of the last 25 years and it's easy to see why. Their sound is one not found anywhere else, at least not here in the States, and they have been inspiring artists all throughout their career.

To kick off the release of

"4:13 Dream," the rockers released four singles each on the 13th of the four months before the album was released. The four were "The Only One," "Freakshow," "Sleep When I'm Dead" and "The Perfect Boy," respectively, and were all included in the album. It was originally planned as a double album, but the idea was tossed, and "4:13 Dream" was born.

Much like "Switch," the last track on "4:13 Dream" is "It's Over," and unfortunately with "It's Over," the album was.

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Part one of the NFL offseason, free agency tilts the league’s lanscape

With all the recent roster moves made around the NFL lately, I figured it would be a good break from all the March Madness talk to pick the winners and losers of free agency leading up to the NFL Draft.

Biggest Winners:
1. Arizona Cardinals. With the re-signing of Kurt Warner, the super Bowl’s losing team retained one of the keys to the post-season run. If they can manage to restructure Anquan Boldin’s contract and keep him in Arizona, they will have the best off-season of any NFL team without making any major adjustments to their roster. The addition of Bryant McFadden from the Super Bowl champion Steelers will also help shore up their shaky defense.

Improving an already successful and playoff bound team is an easy way to make No. 1 on my list.

2. Kansas City Chiefs. They grabbed Scott Pioli from the Patriots and offensive guru Todd Haley from the Cards. Those were two of the best non-personnel moves made this year, but they sweetened the deal by trading for Mike Vrabel and Matt Cassel. The Chiefs undoubtedly improved both sides of the ball without giving up virtually anything. A second round pick for leadership on the defensive side of the ball and a franchise quarterback should make this the No. 1 move of



Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

the offseason, but they won’t be a Super Bowl contender because of the move, so it falls to No. 2 on my list.

Biggest Losers:
1. Buffalo Bills. Without a doubt, Owens will be the biggest free agent flop. He’s 35 years old and coming off one of his least productive seasons in recent memory and wearing out his welcome in his third straight city. Buffalo doesn’t have the same weapons to surround Owens with to make them a playoff caliber team, which will inevitably lead to his stay in Buffalo being only one year. They wasted six-point-five million on a locker room cancer.

2. Denver Broncos. Could they have signed anymore depth without actually improving their team? Probably not. Signing running backs J.J. Arrington, Correll Buckhalter and LaMont Jordan doesn’t make much sense and clogs up their back field more than it helps the team. They replaced Dre Bly with Andre Goodman, I’d say that’s a downgrade. They added two defensive tackles I’ve never heard of and signed three players who didn’t do much for their previous teams in quarterback Chris Simms, safety Renaldo Hill and linebacker Andra Davis. Plus, they fired Mike Shanahan. Bad move. This might be the worst off-season for them in recent memory.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody’s picks
Prediction record (15-17)
WBC Champ
Korea
One team with eight people with the last name Lee equals win.

Big 12 Champ
Oklahoma Sooners
Dustin is basing his MU pick on the fact that the Tigers beat Oklahoma in the regular season. I would love to see Missouri win, but there’s one major problem: they can’t win outside of Columbia. Look at the difference in the results when they played the Jayhawks in Columbia and then in Lawrence. Ditto for Nebraska. Kansas is too young. OU is basically playing at home, with the tournament in Oklahoma City.

ACC Champ
Wake Forest Deamon Deacons
Wake has the easiest path to the championship game and has proven they can beat anyone in the conference.

Big East Champ
Pittsburgh Panthers
The are the beasts of the east. UConn might get them but only because Pitt beat them twice in the regular season and the Huskies and the multi-million dollar man

Brian “The Bulldog’s” picks
Prediction record (14-18)
WBC Champ
Puerto Rico
Everyone has already picked all the top teams. I could take the Japanese to repeat, but I decided I am going to go with Puerto Rico. They are flying under the radar, but they have some big bats. Watch out for my boy Delgado.

Big 12 Champ
GO BIG RED
Okay it’s a long shot. But the top three teams have already been chosen and I don’t think anyone else has much of a chance. So, I’m going with my ‘Skers. I really do feel like they have a chance, but then again, I’m crazy. Plus, it will give me an extra reason to actually believe they have a chance.

ACC Champ
The Tomahawk Chop
Again picking last does have its down falls. FSU hasn’t failed me once this year and if any underdog has a chance it’s the ‘Noles.

Big East Champ
Louisville Cardinals
I have picked with my heart in almost all my games this week. Why not now? They just might be scrappy enough to pull it off too.

Jason’s picks
Prediction record (15-17)
WBC Champ
The Dominican Republic
They fell early to the Netherlands, but they are playing in a much tougher pool than the U.S. and that will benefit them later in the Classic. Their offense is just as stacked as the United States’ and they’re slightly more talented. They take the title and the U.S. finishes second.

Big 12 Champ
Kansas Jayhawks
Blake Griffin isn’t playing like he was before the concussion, so the upperhand has to go to my ‘Hawks. They crushed Missouri, but had the let down against Tech. It won’t happen again, they’re ready to go. Rock Chalk.

ACC Champ
North Carolina Tar Heels
The Tar Heels just showed they were the best team in the league by beating Duke, this is just an encore and a warm-up for the big dance.

Big East Champ
Pittsburgh
They’ve knocked off UConn twice, that should be enough. They have the best team in a stacked conference and should pull it off.

Dustin’s picks
Prediction record (21-11)
WBC Champ
U.S.A.
The sport was born here; there is no way the founding country can lose two straight Classics. The team is ready to win it all this year and no other country can stop them.

Big 12 Champ
MIZZOU
I haven’t given the Tigers a chance in the Big 12 tourney since middle school but I’ve finally got my chance. The Tigers have beaten the other top two teams in the conference, so this gives them a good chance of becoming the champs.

ACC Champ
UNC
Tyler Hansbrough will lead his team to yet another ACC championship. Plus having the ACC player of the year in Ty Lawson on your team couldn’t hurt either. The Tar Heels win and earn themselves a No. 1 seed in the big dance.

Big East Champ
UConn
UConn spent a lot of weeks at the No. 1 spot and when they’re playing in March and closer to home they can beat Pitt in the championship game.

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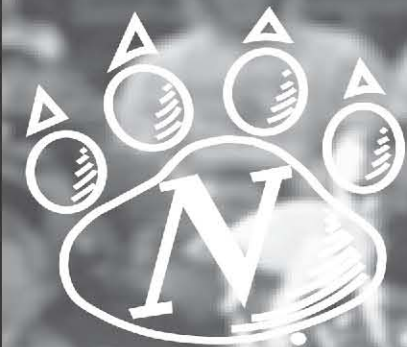
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Central Missouri (15)	4	2	9	3
Southwest Baptist	4	2	6	9
Fort Hays	5	3	13	9
NORTHWEST	3	3	7	7
Pittsburg State	3	3	5	9
UNO	1	3	11	8
Missouri Western	1	5	8	10
Washburn	0	2	6	5
Truman	0	8	1	16

SOFTBALL	MIAA		OVERALL	
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UNO	0	0	10	2
Missouri Western	0	0	9	4
Emporia State (25)	0	0	11	7
Pittsburg State	0	0	11	7
Central Missouri (19)	0	0	6	4
Southwest Baptist	0	0	9	7
Fort Hays	0	0	13	11
Washburn	0	0	9	15
NORTHWEST	0	0	5	12
Truman	0	0	3	8
Missouri Southern	0	0	4	14

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Emporia State	0	0	2	0
Missouri Western	0	0	2	0
NORTHWEST	0	0	1	0
Washburn	0	0	1	0
Truman	0	0	4	1
Southwest Baptist	0	0	2	1
Fort Hays	0	0	3	3
UNO	0	0	3	4
Missouri Southern	0	0	0	2

NUMBER OF THE WEEK

3 This is the number of Northwest Athletes set to participate in the NCAA Division II Track National Championships this weekend. It is also the number of times national qualifier junior Emily Churchman has broken the Northwest pentathlon record this year. As of press time, the Spoofhound girls’ basketball team also must win three more games to reach the state championship game.




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The game featured 10 lead changes in the first half. Maryville led 32-29 at halftime following a three by McClellan and a put-back lay-up by Erica Espey.

The third quarter went the same way. Maryville went into the final stanza clinging to a 43-41 lead.

The fourth quarter was slowed down by numerous jump balls and fouls made in an attempt to extend the game. The Spoofhounds went to the foul stripe 18 times, but hit just eight of those attempts. The final minute was torture, Hageman said.

“That was like a 20-minute long minute,” Hageman said. “We kept missing free throws and they were playing hard, trying to get more shots, but deep down, I felt our girls were playing hard enough that they were going to catch a break and we did just enough to win.”

Meridee Scott led the team with 15 points. Megan Walker added six points and 10 key rebounds.

The team was excited to get the win and keep their season going.

“It feels amazing,” Walker said. “I really don’t even know how to describe it.”

Hageman echoed Walker’s jubilation, but realizes there are still games ahead and the team must keep moving forward.

“It feels great,” Hageman said. “All the hard work and all the time you’ve put in paid off and now you keep fighting one game at a time and hope for the best.”

Maryville moved on to play Lawson in the Sectional round of the playoffs. Tip-off was at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday at the Civic Center in St. Joseph. Game results were not available as of press time.

BOYS’ BASKETBALL



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Junior Josh Elliot knocked down a team-high seven three-pointers and scored 23 points in Maryville’s 52-49 district semifinal loss to Bishop LeBlond. Elliot will likely be looked upon to be one of the team leaders as a senior next year.

Down to the last shot,
‘Hounds fall in semifinals

By **Dustin Sander**
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys’ basketball team ended its district tournament run and season last Thursday night against Bishop LeBlond in the district semi-finals in Trenton, Mo.

The Spoofhounds fell 52-49 to LeBlond in a game which came down to a last second shot. Maryville had a shot from eight feet to tie the game but the shot clanked off the rim and LeBlond grabbed the board. The ‘Hounds fouled right away, sending LeBlond to the free throw line where they hit one shot, making it a three-point game. Maryville’s last chance was a full-court shot that was off the mark.

“We had a really tough game with LeBlond that was close throughout,” coach Mike Kuwitsky said. “It came down to the last quarter and we lost a real close game.”

The ‘Hounds fell just short in their district semi-final game ending their season. LeBlond went on to the finals and lost to Cameron, 38-35, a team the ‘Hounds had beaten earlier in the season.

“It’s a very tough loss because your season’s over in district play, when you lose it’s done,” Kuwitsky said. “That hurts, everybody hurts, it’s so sudden and so definite. I told the team last night that we did our best; all the coaches and all the players did our best and we came up just a little bit short. After the entire

game, it came down to just a few plays, they hit a real big three and we had a few turnovers ... It was a great game. I think if we played that same team we’d win five and they’d win five, it comes down to who has the ball last.”

This season was a landmark season for the Maryville boys’ basketball program; Kuwitsky earned his 400th career victory.

“It meant a lot to me,” Kuwitsky said. “I’ve said before that there’s a lot of people involved in it; I’ve had a lot of good players and some really good assistant coaches, the parents that supported me were really good. A lot of people shared in it but the relationships that you develop with all the players is really special, I just heard from several this week which is really cool.”

Kuwitsky is glad that this team earned him his 400th win and helped restore the program to where it had been in years before.

He has been coaching at the high school for the last 23 years and has accumulated a record of 401-210, a winning percentage of .656.

The ‘Hounds finished their season with a 15-9 record including Kuwitsky’s 400th win in the regular season finale against Trenton.

“We had some big wins but we had a few disappointing losses,” Kuwitsky said. “The kids worked really hard and they tried to do as much as they could to win and they never gave up. Overall it was a successful year.”

2008 - 09 SPOOFHOUNDS STATS

Record 15-9

Field Goal Percentage

‘Hounds 41%
Opp. 41%

Assists per game

‘Hounds 9.6
Opp. 7.3

Rebounds per game

‘Hounds 23.7
Opp. 21.8

Turnovers per game

‘Hounds 14.2
Opp. 14

Points per game

‘Hounds 51
Opp. 46.6

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



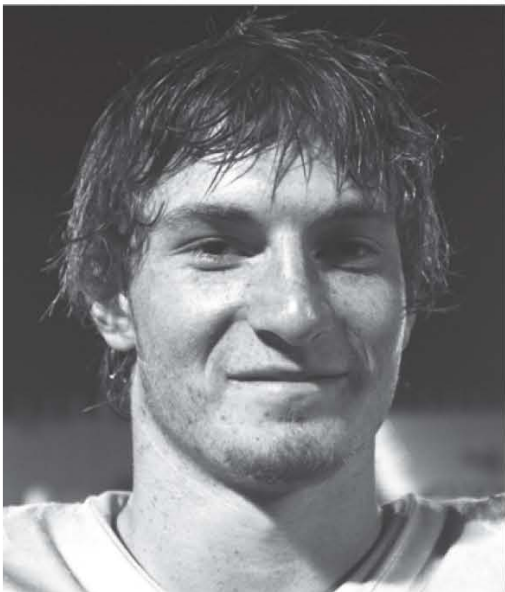
Harvel threw six innings in the Bearcats second game against Fort Hayes on Saturday. The ‘Cats won the game 6-4 and won three games out of the four game weekend series. Harvel gave up no runs in the six innings, tallied 2 strike outs and allowed only four hits. The win improved Harvel’s record to 2-2 for the season.

**Bret
Harvel**

**Nicole
Ackelson**



Ackelson pitched seven innings and only allowed one run for the Bearcats last weekend. She was part of a pitching staff that allowed only four earned runs in three games at the Teri Zenner Invitational Tournament in Joplin. Ackelson has a 2.37 ERA for the season in 20.2 innings of work and a 2-1 record.



Adam Mattson scored 12 points against Bishop LeBlond in the Spoofhounds 52-49 district semifinal loss. He led the team with 50 assists for the season, and 2.1 of the ‘Hounds 9.6 per game. Mattson was part of a senior class that led the Spoofhounds to 15-9 final record, and gave head coach Mike Kuwitsky his 400th career victory.

**Adam
Mattson**

**Megan
Walker**



Walker helped the No. 3 seeded Spoofhounds to their first district championship since 2003 last weekend. In the championship game Walker scored six points and added 10 rebounds to help the ‘Hounds to their 60-57 victory over Bishop LeBlond. Walker also added 14 points in the first round of district play against East Buchanan.

NORTHWEST

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TRACK AND FIELD

Northwest sends 3 athletes to NCAA championships

By Jason Lawrence
Lead Sports Editor

This is what they have been working for all season long: a shot at an NCAA title and the prestigious status of All-American.

The hard work the team has put in throughout the season has finally paid off and three of the finest track and field athletes in the country will represent Northwest at the NCAA Championships in Houston, Texas.

"I think all three of them have great shots at coming back All-Americans," Lorek said. "It's great for them to get to the meet because that's really tough. I wouldn't say I expect it because it's going to be real tough. But we're certainly hopeful and I think they can do it."

The meet begins on Friday but head coach Scott Lorek, pentathlete Emily Churchman, thrower Ben McKim and hurdler Tyler Shaw left for Houston on Tuesday morning to begin the first Division II Winter National Championship Festival. The National Championships for wrestling and swimming will also take place at the University of Houston this weekend.

All of the athletes said they want to come back as All-Americans. Athletes must place in the top eight of an event to earn the title of All-American. Shaw said his goal was to finish in the top three in his first national championship appearance.

It only took Shaw two collegiate meets to break the school record in the 60-meter hurdles. He ran the event in 8.09 seconds, the fifth fastest time in Division II, to break the previous mark of 8.15 seconds. Shaw doesn't think his inexperience will hurt him this weekend.

"Either you compete or you don't," Shaw said. "It's as simple as that."

Churchman broke the school record in the pentathlon three times this season, peaking with 3,541 points two weeks ago at the



photo provided by Jared Verner

JUNIOR EMILY CHURCHMAN cleared every obstacle in her way to become one of three Bearcats to compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships. Ben McKim and Tyler Shaw will join her in Houston, Texas this weekend.

MIAA championships in Warrensburg, Mo. Churchman was named All-MIAA for her performance and is ranked ninth nationally in the pentathlon. This is the inaugural year for the pentathlon at the championships.

"Beat two of the girls seeded ahead of me at conference," Churchman said. "If I can do that again, it should put me right where I want to be. I can't let my head get to me because this is the biggest meet I've been to all year."

McKim also earned All-MIAA honors in the shot put. McKim reached his goal this year of passing his brother's all-time mark at Northwest. He accomplished this when he threw 55 feet, 11 and three-quarter inches at the Central Missouri Classic on Feb. 20. McKim is one of four throwers in the championship field from

the MIAA.

"To be all conference in our conference is pretty exciting," McKim said. "I don't know how much people realize, but four of the top eight throwers in the nation are from our conference. It's pretty exciting to go and take third when I know I'm competing with some of the best throwers in D-II. I want to come back All-American, but I also want to come back with a personal record. I want to know I went and did my best."

He stands fifth in program history and looks to garner another accomplishment his brother achieved. Daniel was an All-American in the shot put in 2003 for the Bearcats.

The 'Cats will have a representative for the men's team for the 15th straight year and the women return to the championships for

the first time since 2006, when graduate assistant Alisha Samuel competed in the 60-meter dash. More impressive is all the national consideration the Bearcats are getting, Lorek said.

"It shows that our expectations are high," Lorek said. "Each of the last several years, we've been getting more people on the national list than we have before. That's the first step because when they draw the line you don't know. It's significant that we're getting national qualifiers on the provisional list and getting the names out there."

If the three Bearcats do well in Houston, it could open doors for fellow 'Cats to increase their national standing and get into the championships.

Events begin Friday night as Shaw runs his preliminary heat at 6:15 p.m. Churchman competes at

SEASON BASEBALL STATS

Northwest		Opponents
5.99	ERA	3.54
.261	Batting Average	.293
121	Hits	134
73	Runs	87
64	RBI's	78
27	Errors	32
10	Home Runs	15
.379	Slugging %	.448
.332	On-Base %	.350

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

ERA	Batting Average
1) 2.61 - Trevor Theisman	1) .391 - Trevor Conner
2) 4.09 - Bret Harvel	2) .304 - Bill Disselhoff
3) 4.30 - Trent Kohlstaedt	3) .298 - Tim Beck
4) 5.00 - Jacob Kemper	4) .286 - Matt Stice

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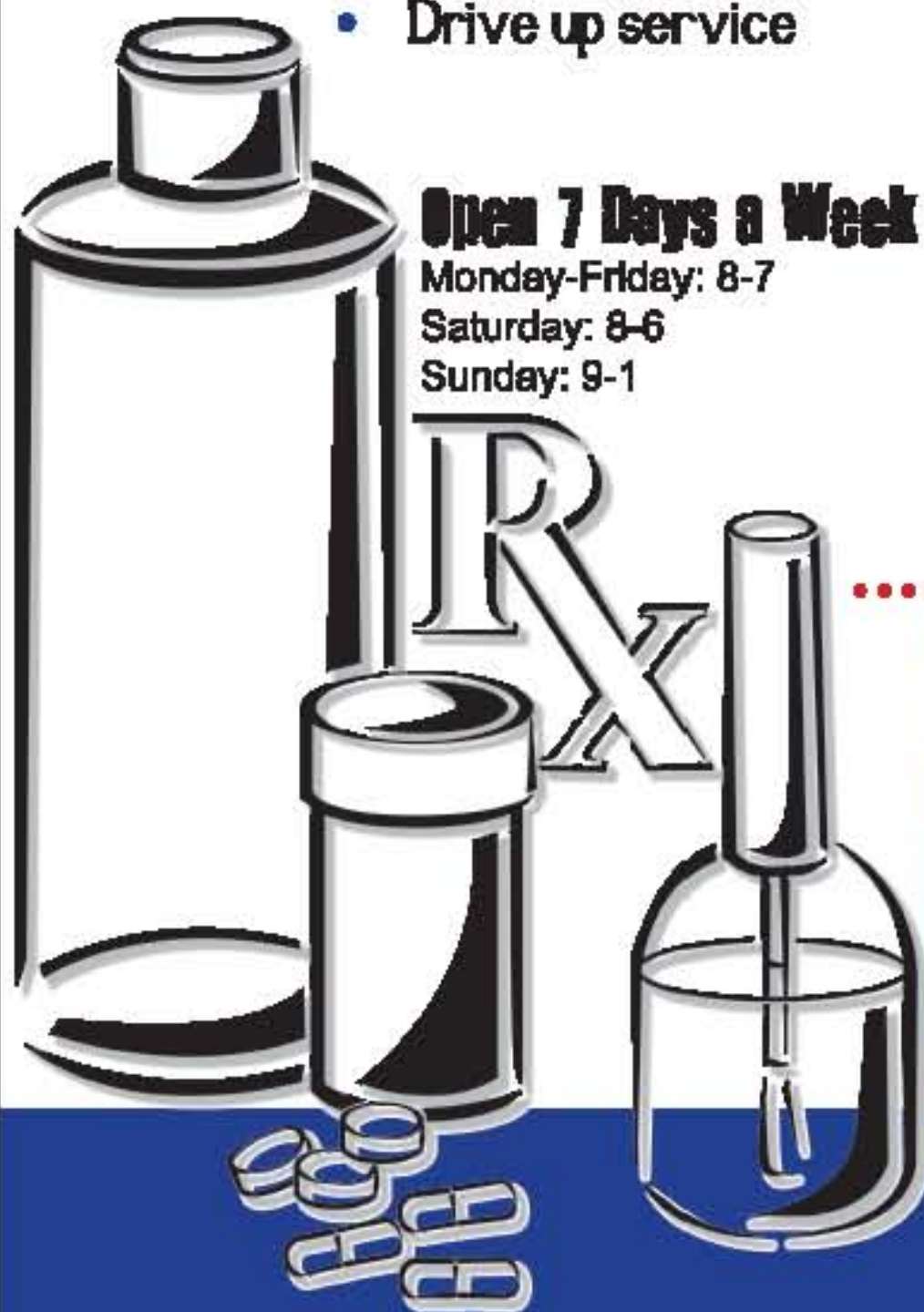
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NW TENNIS

Bearcats roll through season-opener, begin conference play this weekend

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

The Northwest men's and women's tennis teams kicked off their season in dominating fashion. Both teams handily beat Newman in Topeka, Kan. last Friday. The women shutout Newman 9-0 and the men lost only one match.

On Friday, the nationally-ranked men also faced Southeastern Oklahoma State in Topeka.

The 26th-ranked Bearcats won 6-3, losing two singles matches and one doubles match.

Coach Mark Rosewell is very pleased with the outcome of his teams' first matches. The 'Cats played very well and started the season off well. All of the players are where they need to be right now; healthy and playing well, Rosewell said.

"We started off pretty well," senior Daniel Usieto said. "It was our first match we have got to play much outside. Our

young guys played pretty good and our doubles are working out well too."

The team features two freshmen; Calvin Patterson and Ryan Westerof who won their first singles matches of their career at Northwest.

"The freshmen are playing really well," senior Felipe Gennari said. "Much better than we thought. A lot of times freshmen will come in and they will struggle in the first week. They played really well so we're

excited."

The surprising freshmen not only helped the team by winning their singles matches; they also contribute by both playing on doubles teams.

"We have pretty good doubles teams and we're excited about that," Gennari said. "It always comes down to doubles so it's really important ... we play the three doubles matches first, so if you win it's always a relief of pressure to start the singles matches being up."

The women rolled through the Newman team without losing a single set. Senior No. 1 Lina Gomez won her match 6-0 6-0.

"We've got some real big matches coming up," Rosewell said. "Our goals are always to win the MIAA championship and then qualify for the NCAAAs. It's going to be tough because they've put us in a new regional. They've put us down south and the teams are much better competition but it's still

our goal."

The men begin conference play this weekend against Southwest Baptist, defending MIAA champions. The 'Cats will also face No. 5 Cameron University ranked tomorrow in Bolivar, Mo.

The women will start conference play a day earlier at home when they play Missouri southern. The women then join the men at home against Southwest Baptist, whose women also won the MIAA last season.

NW SOFTBALL

'Cats drop 5 straight at Joplin tournament

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

The Northwest softball team hit a rough patch on its way to the beginning of conference play.

The Bearcats were coming off a three-game winning streak and 5-7 record heading into Friday's tournament in Joplin, Mo. The 'Cats dropped all five games of the tournament only bringing in four runs total for the weekend.

"We faced a couple of good pitchers, but realistically we just shut off offensively," head coach Ryan Anderson said. "I've never been around a team where the whole team just shut off. We've talked about it as a team and we just have to move on past this weekend."

The 'Cats' defensive game was fairly stout through out the weekend besides one game where Northwest gave up eight runs. Besides the slip up against Nebraska-Omaha, the 'Cats never gave up more than three runs with scores of 3-8, 0-1, 0-3, 1-2 and 0-2 for the weekend.

"It's a little frustrating, but we have a really good defense so I know that they are backing me up when I'm out there," pitcher Nicole Ackelson said. "Eventually our bats are going to come around to help out too."

The game against Nebraska-Omaha was the 'Cats' first look at an MIAA opponent. Northwest started out against the best against a Mavericks team who lead the MIAA and holds 10-2 record.

The 8-3 loss to the Mavericks doesn't seem to worry Northwest too much. The 'Cats are excited to get another shot at them during conference play and feels the team will be ready for the challenge next time around, senior Tiffany Carter said.

"There is no reason why we can't play with them or beat them," Anderson said. "It wasn't that they were that much better than us. It was that we gave them the opportunity to win and the plays know that, they saw that. Next time around it should be a different story."

The 'Cats fell behind to the Mavericks 3-0 in the fourth inning. They then fought back, picking up runs in the fifth and the sixth to tie the game, but a mistake filled seventh inning filled with five runs on five hits and three errors gave the Mavericks the win.

Next the 'Cats will head to Pittsburg, Kan. for a tournament where they will see three conference foes: Pittsburg State, Missouri Southern and Fort Hays State.

Northwest hopes its bats will come alive in the tournament helping pick up some much-needed wins.

"Everybody wants so much to come through (at the plate)," Anderson said. "That was the total mindset. Instead of just getting up, taking the good at bat and taking the good cut like we know how to do. Too many people were worried about making something happen, instead of just doing it."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



EMILY KISKER

MATAYA WOOTEN

GOLDEN GIRLS

The Spoofhounds battle past districts and toward state title

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

It wasn't what they are used to, but it still worked out for the best in the end. The Spoofhounds (18-7) utilized their half court defense more than usual in their 60-57 win over Bishop LeBlond in the district championship.

It is the seventh district title in Maryville school history and the first since 2003 for the girls.

The Spoofhounds went with the press early on, but it wasn't producing the results they are used to, so head coach Grant Hageman had the team drop back into the half court for the majority of the game.

"We had our depth, but we didn't want to come up and pressure them," Hageman said.

Although it was far from the teams' comfort zone, the girls pulled together and made it work.

"We're not really used to the half court," sophomore Shannon McClellan said. "Coach just said we needed to play tough defense. We all just really wanted this win. We played really tough and together as a team tonight."

The defense and a strong rebounding performance against a taller Golden Eagle front line led to a strong offensive output. Maryville knocked down eight three pointers and hit several clutch free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

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NW BASEBALL

Winners of three of their last four set to take on No. 9 Central

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

Two teams heading in opposite directions reversed their fortunes last weekend in Hays, Kan.

Northwest (7-7, 3-3 in MIAA) will play a four-game series against No. 9 Central Missouri this weekend after taking three-of-four against a Fort Hays team that had won its last 12 games.

For the Bearcats, the win ended a five game skid, included two losses to No. 13 Emporia State.

NEXT GAME: Friday
TIME: 2 p.m.
WHERE: Bearcat Field

"I thought we played real well against a real good team," head coach Darin Loe said. "We really had dominant pitching, and dominant offense, and I really think we've got our confidence now."

Bret Harvel pitched six scoreless innings in the second game of the series for his second win of the year. He struck out two and only allowed four hits as the 'Cats built a 6-0 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh, when Hays attempted to rally.

"Fort Hays is a phenomenal

hitting team," outfielder Trevor Conner said. "You can look at their stats, and you can look at their numbers, and (Harvel) took care of Dusty Washburn (Hays' first baseman) who's a phenomenal hitter as well and just did the same with the rest of them."

The Tigers scored four runs in the final inning of game one of Saturday's double-header before Jacob Kemper entered to record the save.

The Tigers used the momentum from that game to explode on Northwest's pitchers for 15 hits and 13 runs in the 'Cats' only loss of the weekend.

After falling behind 6-0, Northwest cranked out six runs in the top of the fifth, three scored via Brandon Kirsch's three-run homer on the first pitch of the at-bat. The home run was Kirsch's third of the year.

In the end though, Hays got the better of the Northwest pitching staff and plated six more in the bottom of the sixth.

Revenge was brewing though and the 'Cats assaulted the Tigers' pitchers for 15 runs in the final game of the series. Trevor Conner and Jared Ers-pamer cranked out three hits a piece as nine Bearcats recorded a hit.

Conner successfully got on base seven times in during the last two games of the series, boosting his team-leading batting average to .391.

"I wasn't getting very good pitches early in the first couple games of the series because I was going against a pretty good lefty, but I just came back and was just seeing the ball a little better," Conner said.

If the weather cooperates, Northwest will enjoy its first home game of the season this weekend when Central comes to town. Two previous attempts at a home game for the 'Cats have resulted in cancellations.